

REMARKS

Claims 1-45 are pending in this application. Claims 1-45 are subject to a restriction requirement.

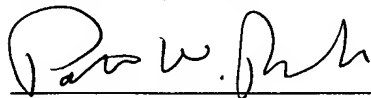
The Office has asserted that there are two groups of claims in this application. The first Group, Group I, contains Claims 1-16, drawn to a method of fabricating a dynamo-electric machine rotor. The second Group, Group II, contains Claims 17-45, drawn to a lamination configuration.

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action, Applicant, with traverse, elects for prosecution in this application all claims belonging to Group II, i.e., Claims 17-45.

Reconsideration of the restriction requirement imposed under 35 U.S.C. § 121 is respectfully requested. The restriction requirement is traversed because the inventions set out by the claims in Groups I and II are clearly related. Applicant submits that a thorough search and examination of any claim group would be relevant to the examination of the other group and would not be a serious burden on the Examiner. For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests that the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing remarks, all the claims now active in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action with respect to all the pending claims is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,



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